

REMARKS

In this Amendment, Applicant has canceled Claims 1 – 5 without prejudice or disclaimer and added new Claims 6 – 14. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been introduced by the amendment. All claims are now present for examination and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the preceding amendments and the following comments.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102:

Claims 1 – 5 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) as allegedly being anticipated by Huppenthal et al. (US 5,491,300), hereinafter Huppenthal.

Applicant traverses the rejection and respectfully submits that the present-claimed invention is not anticipated by the cited reference. At first, Claims 1 – 5 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Therefore, the rejection to these claims is moot.

It is respectfully submitted that the new Claims 6 – 14 are different from Huppenthal. The methods of Claims 6 – 14 include steps of curing the liquid rubber at a normal temperature and under a normal pressure. According to the method, the seal can be formed without heating or pressuring. Thus, the conditions of the endurable temperature and endurable pressure are not strict. Therefore, the flexibility of selection of materials for various constituent members, especially constituent members of the flat cable is high.

On the other hand, Huppenthal does not disclose or suggest the step of curing the liquid rubber at a normal temperature and under a normal pressure.

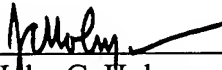
Therefore, the newly presented claims are not anticipated by Huppenthal and the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) has been overcome. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) is respectfully requested.

Having overcome all outstanding grounds of rejection, the application is now in condition for allowance, and prompt action toward that end is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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